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(U) San Diego – Animal Rights Activist Sentenced to 21 Months for Crime Spree Targeting Fur Industry

(U) Animal-rights activist Nicole Kissane was sentenced in federal court yesterday to 21 months in prison for terrorizing the fur industry during cross-country road trips in which she and coconspirator Joseph Buddenberg caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage by vandalizing properties and releasing mink from commercial farms. During the sentencing hearing a US District Judge described Kissane's conduct as a "calculated, premeditated reign of terror over those in the fur industry," and ordered Kissane to pay \$423,477 in restitution to the victims.

SOURCE: 17 January 2017, Justice.gov

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Airport Shooting Suspect Inspired by ISIL

(U) Fort Lauderdale – An Iraq war veteran accused of killing five people at a Florida airport told investigators he was inspired by Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) and previously chatted online with Islamist extremists, an FBI agent testified yesterday. The agent testified that Esteban Santiago told interrogators he carried out the attack on behalf of ISIL and that he had been in contact with others on jihadist chat rooms who were planning attacks.

SOURCE: 17 January 2017, Reuters

(U) Florida – Suspect in Cop Killing Captured

(U) Orlando – Markeith Loyd, the man wanted in the fatal shootings of his pregnant ex-girlfriend and an Orlando police sergeant was captured. Loyd has been the focus of a weeklong manhunt after he fatally shot Master Sgt. Debra Clayton in a Wal-Mart parking lot. Officials said Loyd was found at an abandoned home. The suspect tried to run from officers as they zeroed in on him. Officials added that Loyd was discovered wearing body armor and carrying two handguns. Loyd sustained injuries to the face as he resisted arrest.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, CNN

(U) Texas – Police Detective Killed in Standoff

(U) Little Elm – A police detective died after being shot by a man barricaded inside a residence, the town's police chief said at a news conference last night. The suspected gunman was later found dead after the hours-long standoff. Police detective Jerry Walker, along with a group of officers, was responding to an afternoon 911 call of an armed man in a backyard when officers observed a man with a rifle screaming. The suspect then ran into the residence, and after a period of talking with officers, began firing his weapon either through a door or window. Walker, 48, was shot by the suspected gunman, placed in a squad car and transported by helicopter to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries. Little Elm Fire Chief Brian Roach confirmed on behalf of the police chief that the standoff ended after the suspect was found dead. No cause of death was given.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, CNN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – Attack Toll Hits 47, Including Five Suicide Bombers

(U) Gao – At least 47 people, including five suicide bombers, were killed when a vehicle packed with explosives detonated inside a military camp in the northern Mali city of Gao today. An army spokesman reported an additional 115 people were wounded in the worst militant attack in years in the Saharan West African nation. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, suspicion quickly fell on the Islamic extremist groups operating in the area which oppose the 2015 peace agreement that brought Malian soldiers and hundreds of former fighters together.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Pakistan – Pakistan Forces Kill New Leader of Banned Sectarian Militant Group

(U) Sheikhpura – Pakistani counter-terrorism forces killed the new leader of the banned sectarian Lashkar-e-Jhangvi militant group, along with three more militants, in an operation in the eastern province of Punjab. Among the four militants killed on Tuesday night was Asif Chotoo, also known by the name Rizwan, who was named LeJ chief after Ishaq's death, authorities said. The extremist Sunni Muslim LeJ, one of a myriad of Islamist militant outfits operating in Pakistan, has claimed responsibility for the deaths of hundreds of civilians, mostly minority Shi'ite Muslims.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Nightclub Attacker Says He Was Directed By ISIL

(U) Istanbul – An Uzbek gunman who killed 39 people in an Istanbul nightclub on New Year's Day told police he had to change target at the last minute to avoid heavy security and acted with direct orders from ISIL in Syria. The gunman, named by the authorities yesterday as Abdulgadir Masharipov, had initially been told to attack the area around the central Taksim square and said his instructions came from Raqqa, a Syrian stronghold of ISIL.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – At Least Four Killed in Gunfight in Cancun

(U) Cancun – At least four people were killed after gunmen opened fire at government offices in the Mexican beach resort of Cancun yesterday, a day after at least five people died in a shooting at a music festival nearby. Gunfire broke out at the state attorney general's office in Cancun, a city that is one of the most popular seaside destinations for foreign tourists in Mexico. Police intervened, and the alarm was sounded, activating federal police and the armed forces as other unidentified installations were reportedly attacked. One policeman and three suspected gunmen were killed, and a further five suspects arrested.

SOURCE: 18 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

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